

Report of: David Thompson

Oct. 14, 1926.

Re: Choir Members:

Harold R. Fick,
25 Thomas Street,
Metuchen, N. J.

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Mr. Fick is at present a representative of the Equitable Life Assurance Company and resides at the above address. He is a cousin of Ralph Gorsline and has been a vestryman of St. John's Church for the last two years. For about sixteen years he has been connected with the church and has been a member of the choir.

He was well acquainted with Rev. Hall and Mrs. Mills and claims that he never saw or heard of anything to suggest in the least any unusual intimacy between the two parties. That their relationship appeared the same as existed between Rev. Hall and the other members of the choir and congregation.

For about a year immediately preceding the murder Fick had been more or less irregular in his attendance at choir rehearsals and church services.

He also told me that usually following the Easter services as the Summer months came on there was a falling off in the attendance of choir members and that during July and August no rehearsals were held. Further that Mrs. Mills had been very ill in the hospital for about three months during the late Winter and early Spring of 1922 and was just getting her health back and able to attend rehearsals, etc., at the Easter season of 1922, then followed the Summer months when few people turned out, so that

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for approximately six months preceding the murder there was little chance of any one having much of an opportunity of observing the relationship of Mrs. Mills and Rev. Hall, if it was becoming more apparent as the newspaper articles tried to make it appear.

further if any relationship had existed which was brought to the knowledge of the vestrymen or which might have been heard by them, either the vestry would have called Rev. Hall to account for the relationship or foundation of gossip or else someone would undoubtedly have notified the Bishop.

Respectfully submitted:

D.T.